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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - SEPT 28

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

--U.S. COVERAGE IS MODERATE, WITH MAIN ITEM ANOTHER SHARP ATTACK ON U.S. PRESS REPORTS ON SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE (SEPTEL)

--ON AFRICAN, PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY M. ZENOVICH DESCRIBES AFRICAN LEADERS' "REJECTION" OF "U.S.-BRITISH PLAN" FOR SOLVING RHODESIAN PROBLEM. ZENOVICH SAYS FIVE AFRICAN LEADERS INSIST THAT ZIMBABEW FREEDOM FIGHTERS THEMSELVES DECIDE ON COMPSITION OF GOVERNMENT AND CONSITUTIONS OF FUTURE INDEPENDENT STATE. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT INDEPENDENT AFRICA DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE TO THE RACISTS AND THEIR PROTECTORS THE INITIATIVE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE FINAL LIBERATIONS OF THE CONTINENT.

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS MAPUTO ITEM DESRIBING MACHEL'S DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE "UNTIL THEIR COMPLETE VICTORY". MACHEL REPORTEDLY CALLS FOR INCREASED VIGILANCE IN ORDER TO GIVE DECISIVE RESISTANCE TO ALL "INTRIGUES" OF EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL REACTION.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ DESCRIBE CONTINUED MILITARY ACTION BY LEBANESE RIGHTISTS DESPITE UNILATERAL PALESTINIAN CEASE-FIRE. JUMBLATT IS CITED AS EMPHASIZING "NECESSITY OF COMPLETE WITHDRAWL OF SYRIAN TROOPS" FOR NORMALIZATION OF SITUATION.

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TION OF SITUATION.

--PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE DESRIPTIVE TASS DAMASCUS ARTICLE ON TERROIST SEIZURE OF HOSTAGES IN HOTEL SEMIRAMIS. ARTICLE LINKS THIS ACT TO "INCESSANT ATTEMPTS TO HINDER THE REALIZATION OF SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT," BUT DOES NOT EXPLICITLY IDENTIFY TERRORISTS AS PALESTINIANS.

--IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE BY A. PRASKOV' IN EUGOGIZING NASSER AND PRAISING VARIOUS PROGRESSIVE STEPS HE TOOK. LEST IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF BACKWARD STEPS OF PRESENT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT BE LOST ON READER, PARSKOV' IN REFERS TO EFFORTS BY FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM, BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES AND THEIR "FAITHFUL FRIEND"--THE SOVIET UNION. PRASKOV' IN EMPHASIZES SOVIET UNION'S HAVING COME OUT AND COMING OUT CONSISTENTLY AND IN A PRINCIPLED WAY ON SIDE OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR LIQUIDATION OF AFTER-EFFECTS OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION, ETC. PRAVDA AND KZ REPORT CERMONY BY SOVIET-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY AT MOSCOW HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP IN NASSER'S HONOR. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY ARE AMBASSADOR.

--IZVESTIYA MENTIONS EXCHANGE OF TLEGRAMS BETWEEN PODGORNYY AND KING KHALID SA'UD OF SAUDI ARABIA ON OCCASION OF SAUDI NATIONAL DAY. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE RECORD OF SUCH AN EXCHANGE TAKING PLACE LAST YEAR ON SAUDI NATIONAL DAY OR ON OCCASION OF DEATH OF KING FAISAL AND ACCESSION OF KING KHALID IN MARCH 1975.

--KZ MENTIONS VISIT OF TUNISIAN DESTROYER "PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA" TO SEVASTOPOL.

-- ON CUBA, KZ HAS FRONT PAGE PICTURE OF CUBAN FIRST VICE PM AND MIN REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES RAUL CASTRO MEETING WITH SOVIET MINDEF, MARSHAL USTINOV, IN MOSCOW ON SEPT 27. AND PRAVDA MENTIONS SEPT 17-27 VISIT TO SOVIET UNION OF CP CUBA DELEGATION LED BY R. LOPEZ.

-- ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY TASS REPORT OF CHINESE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION ON SEPT 26, ADDING THAT SUCH TESTS CAUSE THE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVITY OVER JAPAN TO INCREASE "HUNDREDS OF TIMES".

-- THE SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT STATEMENTS BY JAPANESE PRESS AND POLITICAL FIGURES (E.G., JSP'S ISHIBASHI) CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE "SOVIET PLANE" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE USSR AND WORRYING ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS.

-- UNGA COVERAGE AGAIN DEALT MAINLY WITH DISARMAMENT, "FIRST OF ALL" NDW AND CTB. TASS-NEW YORK STORY IN PRAVDA GOES ON TO QUOTE POLISH FONMIN OLSZOWSKI ON IMPORTANCE OF MBFR AND NUF. SEPARATE TASS ITEM IN PRAVDA REPORTS STATEMENT OF UNGA PRESIDENT AMERASINGH THAT USSR TAKING "CLEAR AND CONCRETE" INITIATIVES TOWARDS RESTRAINING THE ARMS RACE. UNGA PRESIDENT REPORTED TO HAVE NOTED COLOMBO CALL FOR SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WHICH USSR, BY ITS SUPPORT FOR WDC, IMPLICITLY SUPPORTS. MEANWHILE TEXT OF DECLARATION OF HELSINKI CONFERENCE ON ENDING ARMS RACE, DISARMAMENT AND DTENTE PUBLISHED IN IZVESTIYA CALLS FOR

WDC, NUF, MDW, AMONG HOST OF CLARION CALLS FOR PEACE.

2. U.S.:

--ALL MEDIA REPORT THE OPENING OF THE REGULAR
SESSION OF THE U.S. -USSR STANDING CONSULTATIVE
COMMISSION IN GENEVA.

-- A SERIES OF TASS ITEMS, FROM SOME LATIN AMERICAN
CAPITALS AND WASHINGTON, REPORTS PROTESTS AGAINST THE
MURDER OF LETELIER, INCLUDING ALLEGATIONS OF CIA
INVOLVEMENT.

-- A TASS WASHINGTON ITEM REPORTS THE DEMOCRATIC
CAUCUS' REPORT ON THE U.S. ECONOMY UNDER THE HEADLINE,
"NO ROOM FOR OPTIMISM".

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